

**Amendments to the Claims:**

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

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A2 1. (Currently Amended) A pedestal defined zero throat write head comprising:

a first pole having a pedestal, the pedestal having a front, a back, a top and a bottom, the back of the pedestal having a recess therein, the recess running from the top of the pedestal to the bottom of the pedestal;

a second pole;

a gap separating the pedestal of the first pole from a portion of the second pole;

wherein the second pole has a bottom surface, a portion of the bottom surface extending over the pedestal and along the gap beyond the back of the pedestal and being substantially flat such that a zero throat height of the write head is defined by the pedestal.

2. (Original) The pedestal defined zero throat write head of claim 1 wherein the recess includes a first edge and a second edge, the first edge and the second edge being directly under a portion of the second pole.

3. (Original) The pedestal defined zero throat write head of claim 1 wherein the recess includes a first edge and a second edge, the first edge and the second edge being outside of the second pole.

4. (Original) The pedestal defined zero throat write head of claim 1 wherein the second pole further includes a nose and wherein a portion of the pedestal is directly under the nose.

5. (Original) The pedestal defined zero throat write head of claim 1 further comprising:  
at least one coil between the first pole and the second pole.

6. (Currently Amended) A method for providing pedestal defined zero throat write head comprising the steps of:

(a) providing a first pole having a pedestal, the pedestal having a front, a back, a top and a bottom, the back of the pedestal having a recess therein, the recess running from the top of the pedestal to the bottom of the pedestal;

(b) providing a gap above the pedestal;

(c) providing a second pole, the gap separating the pedestal from a portion of the second pole;

wherein the second pole providing step (c) further includes the step of:

(c1) providing the second pole such that the second pole has a bottom surface, a portion of the bottom surface extending over the pedestal and along the gap beyond the back of the pedestal and being substantially flat such that a zero throat height of the write head is defined by the pedestal.

7. (Original) The method of claim 6 wherein the first pole providing step (a) further includes the steps of:

(a1) depositing the pedestal; and

(a2) removing a portion of the pedestal to provide the recess.

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8. (Original) The method of claim 6 wherein the first pole providing step (a) further includes the step of:

(a1) providing the recess having a first edge and a second edge such that the first edge and the second edge are directly under a portion of the second pole.

9. (Original) The method of claim 6 wherein the first pole providing step (a) further includes the step of:

(a1) providing the recess having a first edge and a second edge such that the first edge and the second edge are outside of the second pole.

10. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the second pole providing step (c) further includes the step of:

(c[[1]]2) providing a nose such that a portion of the pedestal is directly under the nose.

11. (Original) The method of claim 6 further comprising the step of:

(d) providing at least one coil between the first pole and the second pole.

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